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CommunityRx Kansas offers low-cost option for prescription drugs

Last week, Wal-Mart extended its low-cost generic drug plan to Kansas. While it is one option for Kansans to purchase low-cost prescription drugs, Kansas also has another plan in place that provides low cost prescription drugs to Kansans—Community Rx Kansas—and oftentimes lower cost than the \$4 Wal-Mart plan.

The Kansas Health Policy Authority wants to remind Kansans that CommunityRx Kansas allows Kansans, who are without drug coverage and meet certain income guidelines, to get significant discounts on medicine at nearly 300 participating pharmacies statewide.

“Wal-Mart’s program is a great benefit to the thousands of Americans without drug coverage. It reinforces the need for low-cost prescriptions drugs for Kansans, but it’s good news for Kansans that a program has been in place to address this need since January,” said Marci Nielsen, Executive Director of KHPA. “CommunityRx Kansas, a program developed in partnership with Kansas pharmacies, provides a significant discount on medicines, often a lower cost than Wal-Mart, and it’s managed by two Kansas companies—Prescription Network of Kansas and the Right Choice Pharmacy network.”

There are differences between CommunityRx Kansas and Wal-Mart’s program. Wal-Mart’s program costs \$4 for a 30-day supply (or \$12 per 90-day supply). CommunityRx Kansas is a network of local Kansas providers that offer very low prices, as low as \$8.50 for a 90-day supply of medication.

A household can enroll in CommunityRx Kansas at no cost and buy discounted medicine through local pharmacies that participate in either the Prescription Network of Kansas or the Right Choice Pharmacy network.

Enrolling in CommunityRx Kansas is easy:

- You must be a resident of Kansas and meet the household annual income requirements.
- You cannot qualify for Medicaid or Medicare or any other funded prescription assistance.
- You cannot qualify for VA benefits or any other health insurance.
- Contact one of the following and choose a plan:
 - Prescription Network of Kansas: 1.800.279.3022 www.prescriptionnetwork.info
 - Right Choice Pharmacy: 1.866.424.6423 www.rightchoicepharmacyplus.com
- Complete the enrollment form and return it as directed.

For more information on the program, visit www.healthykansas.org or www.khpa.ks.gov.

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